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Commissioner Jane Henney  
Docket No. 00P-1211/CP1  
FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Henney:

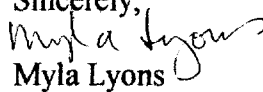
I am writing to register the following concerns about genetically engineered foods:

- 1- Individuals with ethical or religious dietary concerns may ingest foods containing genes from species which they would never willingly consent to consume.
- 2- Recent studies suggest that genetically engineered foods could increase antibiotic resistance and expose consumers to dietary risks such as new toxins and allergens. Due to such potential risks these foods can not justifiably be deemed "generally recognized as safe" (GRAS) by the FDA.
- 3- The cultivation of genetically engineered foods may already have contaminated the fields of organic cultivators and will continue to do so, thus threatening the integrity of organic crops and the livelihood of organic farmers.
- 4- This phenomenon of "genetic drift," combined with the potential for numerous unknown and unprecedented risks to various plant and animal species, poses a significant danger to our already threatened environment.

Along with many other concerned consumers I request your assistance as follows:

- 1- I request the FDA to require mandatory pre-market safety testing on all genetically engineered foods, beginning as soon as possible.
- 2- I urge the FDA to immediately impose a moratorium on all new genetically engineered foods, since no long-term studies of these foods' impact on human health or on the environment have yet been required of their developers.
- 3- I demand that mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered food be instituted immediately. The current practice of denying consumers the right to know whether they are eating genetically engineered products is unconscionable and tends to invite the conclusion that those who profit from the sale of such foods are afraid that a better informed public might not choose to buy their products.

I thank you for your attention to these concerns and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,  
  
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cc: President Clinton, Vice President Gore;  
Senator Boxer, Senator Feinstein;  
Representative Barbara Lee

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